

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice and amend claims 1-3, 5 and 8 as follows :

Sub 1 (amended) A boot for a ski or in-line roller skate wherein the boot is in substantial part flexible, having a flexible upper (3), and in substantial part rigid in that the sole of which has a rigid part in the rear region of the boot, over about one half of the length of the sole,

wherein [and] the rest of the sole of which is flexible so as to allow the foot to flex during walking, and

wherein the rigid part of the sole [is designed so as to form] comprises an interface between the [leg] boot and a binding of a ski or in-line roller skate.

2. (amended) The ski boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rigid part (1) of the sole [is designed so as to form an interface] interfaces between the [leg] boot and a ski binding having automatic release.

3. (amended) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the upper comprises] a rigid part (4 ; 5) [which] encloses the heel and is rigidly secured to the rigid part (1) of the sole.

5. (amended) The boot as claimed in claim 3, wherein the rigid part (5) of the upper has at least one cutout (7, 14), which engages a ski or skate binding.

Sub 8 (amended) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rigid part (1) of the sole [is] has a profiled part (6, 7 ; 6, 8 ; 11) of standard length[, intended to engage with] which engages a ski or skate binding irrespective of the boot size.